



## Welcome to Berkshire Township, Delaware County, Ohio

Community and Service since 1806.....August 2019

Greetings!

The trustees voted unanimously in July to put two levies on the November ballot. To help residents understand why, these are the reasons for the decision.

- Most importantly, the township is not permitted by law to issue bonds for the purchase of land for a park without putting it to a vote by the residents. That is why the Bond Levy is mandatory in order to move forward with the Master Plan
- The survey connected to our 2018 Parks and Trail Master Plan indicated a large percentage of responding residents are overwhelmingly in favor of Berkshire creating parks and trails
- **As a developing township, we can only preserve open space by acquiring land while it's available for parks and recreation**



By developing a "central park" for the Berkshire Township community our goal is to create a large area of open space in our township. The importance of maintaining our "rural character" comes up often in conversations with residents.

The levies on the November ballot, totaling 1.5 mills, will provide the needed funds to acquire land while it's available, start capital improvements such as a shelter, restroom, playground and trails and provide matching/shared grant fund opportunities and operating dollars moving forward. The total cost to a homeowner is \$4.38 a month per \$100,000 of the auditor's property valuation.

We believe the way to make the first phase of the Parks and Trails Master Plan a reality is to put the levies on the ballot in November. We welcome your comments and questions.

Sincerely,  
*Bill Holtry, Rod Myers, and Mike Dattilo, Township Trustees*

Always, for the most up-to-the minute info, be sure to visit the [CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#) and [TOWNSHIP NEWS](#) page on our website. [The FAQ's](#) page also provides a lot of useful information for residents. Ask your neighbors if they are on the email list. It's our main vehicle for keeping residents informed.

### Calendar of Events



*All events listed take place at the Berkshire Township Hall, 1454 Rome Corners Rd., Galena OH 43021 unless otherwise noted*

#### AUGUST

- Thursday, August 1 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, August 12 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Thursday, August 15 6:00 p.m. Park Board Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, August 21 7:00 p.m. BZA Meeting, if needed. Open to the public
- Monday, August 26 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public

#### SEPTEMBER

- **Monday, September 2 LABOR DAY, Township Offices Closed**
- Thursday, September 5 7:00 p.m. Zoning Meeting, open to the public
- Monday, September 9 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public
- Wednesday, September 18 7:00 p.m. BZA Meeting, open the public

- Thursday, September 19 TBA Park Levy Open House Open to the public
- Monday, September 23 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, open to the public



## McDonald's Gets a New Look

The McDonald's Restaurant at 36/37 and I-71 is one of the original businesses in the township. When it first opened in 1985 the only other businesses at the exit were the truck stops and the Waffle House, according to current owner Rod Boester, who purchased the store in 2002.

Once destined for destruction when another McDonald's closed, the friendly Ronald McDonald statue has provided a fun "photo op" for many travelers over the years. The location has been completely remodeled and updated to better serve the public.

## Berkshire Township Welcomes Tractor Supply Company (TSC)

We know many residents have been anxiously awaiting the new TSC store scheduled to open soon. For those unfamiliar, TSC is the largest rural lifestyle retailer in the United States. This store, located at 9945 SR 37 E (just east of Carter's Corner Rd.) is the 1800th store in the company's chain. It is scheduled to open to the public late August/early September. Stay tuned for updates!



## Berkshire Township Proud

Do you know where you live? "Well THAT'S a dumb question," you may be thinking to yourself. The truth is, most of you, if asked that question will likely say "I live in Sunbury," or "I'm from Galena." But in fact, those are our mailing addresses for convenience sake. Most folks reading this newsletter *actually live* in Berkshire Township.

What's the difference? Ohio is divided into three major administrative divisions: counties, municipalities (cities and villages), and townships. Typically, what separates the last two is size. A city is incorporated and has 5000 or more residents; a village is incorporated and has fewer than 5000 residents. There are exceptions to the above, but this is the simplest way of explaining the

difference. A township, is an unincorporated area which may have villages within its boundaries, but does not have a "town center," so to speak.

Many folks do not realize that all of the Village of Galena and all but a tiny part of the Village of Sunbury actually lie within the boundaries of our township, but they are their own incorporated governing bodies. Interestingly, Sunbury will become a city after the next census, due to their growth and expansion.

Berkshire encompasses two school districts, Big Walnut and Olentangy. Our safety services are provided by the BST&G Fire Department, Delaware County EMS, and the Delaware County Sheriff's Department.

So the next time someone asks you where you're from, we hope you might answer, "I live in Berkshire Township, and it's a great community!"

*(full disclosure - the above was originally in our newsletter over 2 1/2 years ago, but we have so many new subscribers, we felt it was worth sharing again.)*

## Upcoming Joe Walker Road Closure

For residents of 626 - 1110 Joe Walker Road, your road is scheduled to be closed the week of August 12 through 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day. Total replacement of three culverts under that road must be completed to assure the safety and integrity of the road.

Arrangements will be made for emergency responder access but it will be closed to all other traffic during those hours. Residents will have access after 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 in the morning.



**CONTACT INFO FOR RUMPKE**  
**1-800-828-8171 email contact:**  
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Thursday is the service day for the township. Trash will be picked up weekly and recycling will be picked up every other week, with the exception of scheduled holidays when any pick-ups will be Friday. **THE MAILER YOU RECEIVED FROM RUMPKE HAS YOUR RECYCLING and HOLIDAY CALENDAR ON IT, or you can contact Rumpke at the email above with questions.**

A friendly reminder on trash cart placement: The wheels on the trash cart should be towards your house, with the small silver-colored handle on the front of the cart and the lid opening facing the street. This allows the drivers to collect the carts in a more automated, time-saving, safe way. Thanks for your help on this small detail.

We encourage you to always collect your empty trash cans after pick-up as high winds may cause them to blow into the road, creating a traffic hazard. (It keeps our streets and neighborhoods looking nicer, too.)

For residents not familiar with the decision, the choice to contract with one hauler was made for several reasons, but the two main ones were: 1) Economics (it saved the majority of residents quite a bit on their monthly bill and provided recycling) and 2) Safety/Maintenance (it greatly reduced the number of heavy trucks on our roads daily, making it safer for our kids and reducing wear and tear on our roads.)

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the most recent Rumpke Newsletter. It contains a lot of useful recycling information.

***New to the township? Rumpke Waste is the single authorized trash hauler for Berkshire residents. Call them at 1-800-828-8171 to subscribe and be sure to tell them you are a Berkshire Township resident to receive our special contract rates.***

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### *Rent the Township Hall for your next party*

If you're a township resident looking for a good place to host your next family gathering, meeting or party contact Shawna at [Berkshire.Shawna@gmail.com](mailto:Berkshire.Shawna@gmail.com). The hall is available for rental to Berkshire Township residents only. More info and photos are available on our website on the "[Services and Maintenance](#)" page. Dates fill up quickly, so make your plans soon.



*P.S. A big thank you to all the renters who have used the hall and done such a great job on clean up and re-setting the space. You are the best!*

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